

8. LOW-INCOME HEALTH PROGRAM (LIHP)

A. General This section provides information regarding the LIHP as it relates to the GR Program.

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B. Background Low Income Health Program (LIHP) is a 50% federally-funded Medicaid waiver program which covers a core set of physical and mental health services for eligible indigent adults. LIHP will end on December 31, 2013.

LIHP helps uninsured adult county residents to get medical care and limited mental health services. LIHP uses a network of community health centers, private physicians, public and private mental health clinics, and local hospitals to provide services.

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C. LIHP and CMS Individuals cannot receive both LIHP and CMS in the same month. Since LIHP receives 50% federal funding, the preferred program is LIHP.

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D. Screening Workers must screen applicants/recipients according to the requirements in [90-250.7.C](#).

If the ...	Then the worker shall ...
applicant/recipient appears to be potentially eligible for Medi-Cal	refer the applicant/recipient to apply for Medi-Cal. The applicant/recipient must apply for and cooperate with the Medi-Cal application process. The worker shall process and approve LIHP, if otherwise eligible.
Medi-Cal application is pending	verify that the applicant/recipient has fully complied with the Medi-Cal application process and approve LIHP, if otherwise eligible.

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E. LIHP Eligibility

LIHP eligibility criteria include:

- Age 19 through 64 years;
- Resident of San Diego County;
- U.S. citizen or a qualified alien with at least 5 years of residency, exceptions are noted in [J](#), below;
- Not linked or eligible to full-scope Medi-Cal; and
- Income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

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F. LIHP Application Processing

GR workers must complete the application for LIHP or refer the applicant to complete the application for LIHP. The applicant must apply for and cooperate with the LIHP application process to be eligible or remain eligible for GR. The forms listed in the table below must be printed from the CMS IT System, signed as appropriate, and then imaged to the CMS IT System.

Form No.	Title
MC 210	Medi-Cal Statement of Facts signature page
LIHP 15	LIHP Rights and Responsibilities
LIHP 19	Grievance and Appeal Rights
LIHP 23	Coverage Information
NPP-002	LIHP/CMS Health Plan Notice of Privacy Practices signature page

If GR is denied at Pre-application or Intake, the GR worker or designated LIHP worker must continue to evaluate for LIHP eligibility.

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G. Citizenship/ Identity Verification Requirement

Workers must verify that Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) citizenship/identity requirements have been met. GR recipients who have not met the DRA citizenship/identity requirements may be approved LIHP benefits during the Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP), not to exceed their ROP as described below.

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Citizenship/ Identity Verification Requirement (continued)

Step	Action						
1	<p>Review the CMS IT System case file to verify if form DHCS 0011 is on file for citizenship and identity documentation.</p> <table><tr><th>If ...</th><th>Then ...</th></tr><tr><td>yes,</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">the individual has met the DRA citizenship/identification requirement; andevaluate for LIHP</td></tr><tr><td>no,</td><td>proceed to Step 2.</td></tr></table>	If ...	Then ...	yes,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the individual has met the DRA citizenship/identification requirement; andevaluate for LIHP	no,	proceed to Step 2.
If ...	Then ...						
yes,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the individual has met the DRA citizenship/identification requirement; andevaluate for LIHP						
no,	proceed to Step 2.						
2	<p>Review Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System (MEDS) to determine if the individual has an appropriate citizenship/identity code.</p> <table><tr><th>If ...</th><th>Then ...</th></tr><tr><td>yes,</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">the individual has met the DRA citizenship/identification requirement; andevaluate for LIHP</td></tr><tr><td>no,</td><td>proceed to Step 3.</td></tr></table>	If ...	Then ...	yes,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the individual has met the DRA citizenship/identification requirement; andevaluate for LIHP	no,	proceed to Step 3.
If ...	Then ...						
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no,	proceed to Step 3.						
3	<p>Review DoReS to verify if form DHCS 0011 or other citizenship/identification verifications are on file.</p> <table><tr><th>If ...</th><th>Then ...</th></tr><tr><td>yes,</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">the individual has met the DRA citizenship/identification requirement; andevaluate for LIHP</td></tr><tr><td>no,</td><td>proceed to Step 4.</td></tr></table>	If ...	Then ...	yes,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the individual has met the DRA citizenship/identification requirement; andevaluate for LIHP	no,	proceed to Step 4.
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no,	proceed to Step 4.						
4	Approve the individual as LIHP for the ROP timeframe.						

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H. ROP

A ROP is established to allow an applicant/recipient a reasonable time to be able to obtain citizenship verification. When establishing the ROP, the worker must follow the actions in the table below.

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ROP (continued)

Step	Action
1	Establish the ROP.
2	Inform the applicant/recipient that acceptable verification of citizenship will be required by the end of the ROP.
3	Approve benefits for a period not to exceed the ROP.

NOTE: Once a case has been granted LIHP with an ROP, LIHP benefits cannot be recertified until satisfactory documentation of U.S. citizenship and/or identity has been obtained. Verifications are scanned into the CMS IT System and/or DoReS. Workers must view the CMS IT System and DoReS for receipt of verifications.

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I. Qualified Alien Verification Requirement

Workers must verify Qualified Alien status and entry date before granting LIHP. Most qualified aliens must have a minimum of 5 years residency. Exceptions to the five-year residency requirement are listed below.

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J. Exemptions to Five-Year Residency Requirement

The following qualified aliens are exempt from the five-year residency requirement:

- Refugees;
- Asylees;
- Cuban and Haitian Entrants;
- Victims of a severe form of trafficking;
- Aliens whose deportation is being withheld;
- Qualified aliens who also are an honorably discharged veteran, or the spouse (including a surviving spouse who has not remarried), or unmarried dependent child of an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. military;
- Aliens admitted to the country as an Amerasian immigrant;
- Legal permanent residents (LPR) who first entered the country under another exempt category (for example, as a refugee, asylee, etc.) and who later converted to LPR status;

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Exemptions to Five-Year Residency Requirement (continued)

- Members of a federally recognized Indian tribe, as defined in 25 USC 450b(e); and
- American Indians born in Canada to whom section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) applies.

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K. Enrolling a Recipient into LIHP

The recipient is enrolled in LIHP through the CMS IT System. If all eligibility requirements are met for LIHP in the CMS IT System, the system will enroll the recipient in LIHP.

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L. Certification Period

LIHP will be certified for up to 12 months.

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M. LIHP Card

The LIHP card is printed on the LIHP Approval Notice of Action (NOA).

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N. Medical In-Kind

Applicants/recipients who are receiving LIHP benefits will be have the \$40 Medical Assistance In-Kind counted against their GR grant.

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